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SUBJECT: CONGRESSIONAL ACTION ON JEWISH COMMITTEE OF CONCERN ACTIVITIES.

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF LETTER SIGNED BY SEVEN MEMBERS OF HIRC SUBCOMMITTEE ON EUROPE AND MIDDLE EAST. LETTER DATED APRIL 13, WAS ADDRESSED TO AMBASSADOR GHORBAL.
2. QUOTE: WE ARE OUTRAGED BY RECENT NEWS REPORTS OF ATTACKS ON EGYPTIAN INDIVIDUALS AND PROPERTY IN THE UNITED STATES BY CERTAIN GROUPS APPARENTLY DETERMINED TO RUIN EFFORTS BY YOUR GOVERNMENT TO NEGOTIATE A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF THE ARAB-ISRAELI CONFLICT WITH ISRAEL.
3. WE APPLAUD EFFORTS BY EGYPT AND ISRAEL TO NEGOTIATE THEIR DIFFERENCES AND SEEK A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF THE CONFLICT. WE FURTHER APPLAUD THE IMPROVEMENT OF AMERICAN-EGYPTIAN RELATIONS OVER THE LAST FEW YEARS AND WE WANT OUR

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TIES TO INCREASE AND BROADEN.

4. WE ARE WRITING THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE TO URGE A FULL INVESTIGATION OF THESE INCIDENTS AND TO INSURE THAT AMERICAN LAWS ARE UPHELD. NO GROUP IN THE UNITED STATES SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO FRUSTRATE AND IMPAIR THE PEACE PROCESS THROUGH LAWLESS ACTS AND TERRORISM.

5. WE HOPE THAT YOU WILL CONVEY TO YOUR GOVERNMENT OUR CONCERNS OVER RECENT ACTS AGAINST EGYPTIANS HERE, OUR WISH TO BE HELPFUL AND OUR DETERMINATION THAT EGYPTIANS LIVING HERE AND THEIR PROPERTY WILL BE PROTECTED.UNQUOTE

6. ON SAME DATE, CHAIRMAN LEE HAMILTON ADDRESSED FOLLOWING LETTER TO ATTORNEY GENERAL GRIFFIN BELL.

7. QUOTE: I AM WRITING ON BEHALF OF MEMBERS OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE ON EUROPE AND THE MIDDLE EAST TO EXPRESS OUR DEEP CONCERN OVER THE FIVE RECENT INCIDENTS AGAINST EGYPTIAN CITIZENS AND THEIR PROPERTY IN THE NEW YORK AND WASHINGTON AREAS. I ATTACH FOR YOUR INTEREST A LETTER SENT TO THE EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR CONCERNING THIS MATTER.

8. WE HOPE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE IS UNDERTAKING A FULL INVESTIGATION OF ALL THESE INCIDENTS AND THAT EVERY EFFORT WILL BE MADE TO INSURE THAT EGYPTIANS LIVING HERE AND THEIR PROPERTY WILL BE PROTECTED.

9. I APPRECIATE YOUR CONSIDERATION OF THIS MATTER...
UNQUOTE. CHRISTOPHER

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